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3. The disclosure on page 5 of the present specification and the submission of an English language translation of the claim for JP-B-49-4059 constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP-B-49-4059.

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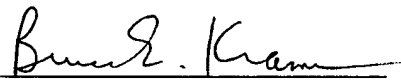
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		JP	5-96184	A	04-20-1993	SHOWA DENKO KK	Abstract and a machine generated English language translation
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